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OF

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APPARATUS FOR THE USE OF INVALIDS.

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### Apparatus for the Use of Invalids.

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*(This Invention received Provisional Protection only.)*

**PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION** left by Christopher Fabian Bower at the Office of the Commissioners of Patents, with his Petition, on the 17th November 1870.

I, CHRISTOPHER FABIAN BOWER, of No. 14, Perth Road, Stroud Green Road, N., in the County of Middlesex, do hereby declare the nature of the said Invention for "**IMPROVED APPARATUS FOR THE USE OF INVALIDS,**" to be as follows :—

The stage is four inches from the ground ("is in two parts") being supported by four castors, in the sides of which are two uprights with a cap at the top, thro' which passes a dwarf crutch, the rod of which is pierced, so that when raised a thumbscrew penetrates one of the holes which secures the crutch "the exact height required." The two parts (when used) are secured together at the ends by two iron plates and thumbscrews, which allows of their being adapted to and "fitting width of chest." There is a portable "foot rest," and which is available for the "knee" also (so that the toe will point downwards), and which at times is very desirable, it can also be applied to "right" or "left side," as may be required. Two driving wheels 22 inches diameter are secured



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*Bower's Improved Apparatus for the Use of Invalids.*

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to a cross piece in the uprights, which renders the propelling power “nominal.”

At the end of the stage two standards are screwed in (to be used at discretion), from which is suspended with four straps a small cane seat, so that the patient when tired “can take rest.”

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It is a great consideration being in two parts, being easy for packing and travelling, taking in and out of house, up steps, &c.; and when not in use can be placed in the hall, taking up no more room than an ordinary “umbrella stand.” It is very light in its construction, and can be carried by one hand.

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To the afflicted, such as partially paralised, injured foot or leg, invalids and cripples generally, must be a great public benefit, “walking” being “rendered easy,” and the price so moderate.

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